LOCAL TELEPHONE RATES

Judge Wilson's Vigorous Reply to the Letter of Mr. Samuel Ross.

The President of the Chesapeake and Potomne Company Declares That Head of the New Corporation Are Inaccurate and Misleading.

Judge Jere M. Wilson, President of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company has given out the following state-

ment in reply to a circular letter recently made public by Samuel Ross, President of the Washington Telephone Company:

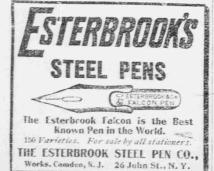
"To Whom It May Concern: The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company recently issued to its subscribers who were affected thereby a letter announcing a reduction of rates for telephone service and mileage, to take effect January 1, 1961. I have received from various sources a circular letter over the signature of Mr. Samuel Ross, of this city, dated December 24 uel Ross, of this city, dated December 24 last, which declares that the letter of the Chesapeake and Potomae Telephone Company, above alluded to, is simply a method of defeating the bill for the improporation. of defeating the bill for the incorporation pense of maintaining and operating the of the Washington Telephone Company, now on the Senate calendar. Mr. Ross charges the Chesapeake and Potomae Company, "As it is intimated by Mr. Ross that there is dissatisfaction with the present ing changes in rates, and attempts to susing, and, as he seeks to promote his enterprise by misrepresenting (probably unintentionally) the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, I submit the fol-

"It is true, as stated by him, that in his pending bill the offer is made to furnis business telephones at \$48, and resident telephones at \$36 per year, but he has no be furnished at these rates. I assert the such rates will not pay the cost of opera ing and maintaining such a plant as mentions and a reasonable return on the capital invested. When Mr. Ross discove a method of doing business at less tha cost and making a profit, he will have sup plied a long felt want, and be indeed

"The greater part of this circular le ter is devoted to an attempt to show the rates of the Chesapeake and Potomac Tele phone Company. In support of this asset \$48 per year, which is advertised, is for service for six parties on a line, and that while there is a nominal reduction to the Dec. 1, 1890. 1,117 1,579 Dec. 1, 1990. 582 3,073 subscriber, there is an actual large increase in the receipts of the company,' in that it receives \$288 for a single wire, as the contemplated plant of the Washingagainst \$36 proposed to be charged by the ton Telephone Company will have an im-

Mileage Charges,	Rate.	Present.
One party line, per quarter mile	810 00	\$5 (8)
Two party line, per quarter mile. Three or more parties, per quarter	6 00	2 99
mile	20.000	26 1500

costs much more to construct and maintain a line two miles long than another one mile long. It has, however, been the effort of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to reduce mileage charges as much as possible. For this



tion of the establishment of the feur new exchanges, the mileage charges were taken off, upon all telephones located within a radius of one mile of each of the proposed exchanges. This resulted in totally dispensing with the mileage charges therefore made in all parts of the city, except in the extreme northeast and southwest, and in a substantial reduction of such charges for telephones duction of such charges for telephones duction of such charges for telephones operator cannot take care of more that located beyond the one-mile radii of ninety or a hundred lines having unlimited seen from the above, these mileage charges have been still further reduced to the extent of one-half for one and two party lines, and two-thirds for other lines.

have been given an opportunity to avail themselves of these new rates and these reductions without being required to en-

rate, it may not be amiss to invite attentain that charge by statements designed to say that the revenues of the Chesapsake to say that the revenues of the Chesapsake to say that the revenues of the Chesapsake by the first the purpose of showing not only the increase in the total number of stations since December 1, 1898, and will be a sadder and wiser man. and Potomac Company are increased by these changes. Some of his statements are short of the whole truth, and his circular letter is generally incorrect and mislead of the grounded circuit equipment, respect to promote his entired by metallic circuits with long-discovery that the revenues of the grounded circuit equipment, respect to promote his entired by metallic circuits with long-discovery that the revenues of the grounded circuit equipment, respect to promote his entired by metallic circuits with long-discovery that the revenues of the grounded circuit equipment. placed by metallic circuits with long-dis-

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Dec. 1, 1898	1,927	234	131	2,292	
Dec. 1, 1899	2,151	384	161	2,696	150
Jan. 1, 1930	2,157	443	164	2,764	59
Feb. 1, 1900	2,157	533	162	2,854	92
March 1, 1900	2,115	651	162	2,928	116
April 1, 1900	2,100	771	159	3,030	120
May 1, 1900	2,053	653	156	3,074	- 63
June 1, 1900	2,026	954	159	3,141	303
July 1, 1900	1,940	1,063	156	3,159	109
August 1, 1990	1.892	1,160	159	3,211	59.7
Sept. 1, 1900		1,233	161	3,251	
Oct. 1, 1900	1,853	1,269	162	3,304	56
Nov. 1, 1900		1,413	163	3,434	
Dec. 1, 1900	1.869	1,619	167	3,655	206
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The New Exchanges. "Mr. Ross, in his letter, also says that

mediate capacity for 5,000 telephones, nearly twice the number of the present "This is entirely inaccurate and mis- | Chesapeake and Potomac plant." As will leading, as an indication of the profits that appear from the above table, this statethe Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone ment is also erroneous. The Chesapeake Company would derive from a single line, and Potomac Telephone Company now has the inference sought to be suggested by in operation in the District of Columbia Mr. Ross being that while the company more than 2,900 exchange telephones, in receives but \$125 for unlimited service addition to which it has in use upon its pon a metallic circuit, by placing six arties on a line, it receives \$288 for the ame thing.

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His Maryland Distillery.

ELKTON, Md., Jan. 5.—Nelson W. Scott, of Lancaster, Pa., was committed to jail here yesterday to answer the charge of burning his distillery near Conowingo, Cellic county, in December last. The case of operating the six telephones is much exchange, and which cost about \$30,000. State Fire Marshal, and his deputy, or operating the six telephones is much greater than the expense of operating one; nor does he speak of the loops of the switchboard and power plant are now in process of installation. It is expected notified on December 8 that an attempt

3,600 in all, and the number of incoming calls that may be received is unlimited.

"Aside from this, the two rates above discussed (and which are the only rates criticised by Mr. Ross in his letter) are not and are not intended to be "reductions" of rates existing before their adoption. They are new rates, established and applied to classes of service and equipment never before in use in this city, and have been lairoduced for the purpose of furnishing persons of moderate needs with an inexpensive service by means of the best equipment. The rates of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Com-

costs much more to construct and main- efficiency to that of the Chesapeake and purpose it was decided to establish in fund, legal, etc., and the expenses of purthe city of Washington five exchange dis- | chasing the immense amount of material required to maintain and operate the plant, team hire, pole and roof rentals, printing

and stationery, advertising, etc. act that in stating that the Washington elephone Company proposes to furnish ay what kind of metallic circuits he prolocates to furnish—that is, whether of iron
locates that he arrived there
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and the colored man were in and out
of the house frequently until about 11
o'clock that night. The Fire Marshai
locates that he defendant, Mr. Scott, was at the shoefendant, Mr. Sc eribers' lines. And he does not appear

For a Cold in the Head

to suppose that the company would pay more wages and salaries than the service rendered is fairly worth, and I believe I know enough of the people of the District know enough of the people of the District of Columbia to justify me in saying that they would not want a telephone service cheapened by paying inadequate compensation to the company's employes. Mr. Ross would not ask it, or I misjudge him. He has had before him for many months the exact number of employes and officers of the Chesapeake and Potomac Company, and the wages and salaries rold to each and the wages and salaries paid to each. I should be much interested, and the public would be much enlightened, if he would indicate which or what number of these employes should be dispensed with, and which of them, or what class of them, are excessively paid. I shall await any information he can give in this regard with interest, and possibly with profit to the public. When he has had experience, or even observation, of the cost of supplying telephone service of the character he mentions in his letter, he will find that he has been a victim of misplaced confidence Not the Company's Fault.

"Taking leave of Mr. Ross and his circular letter, I take occasion to say to the public that, for the purpose of improving the service, and of bringing into use the very best and most approved appliances, and to enable the company to reduce and to enable the company to reduce mileage and other rates, the branch ex-The bar of the change on Capitol Hill was erected and equipped. Through no fault of the company, there was delay in the delivery of work and to guard the workmen. the electrical equipment, and the changes tumn were delayed until about the holiday season, when the use of the telefamiliar, necessarily producing delays and confusion. I beg to assure subscribers sent regarding the conduct of Russian that every effort is being made to correct these troubles, and that in a few days they will have a service not inferior to any anywhere; and in this connection i ternal order, respect for the peaceful any anywhere; and in this connection I have further to say that the putting in operation of the new branch exchange on Capitol Hill has made it necessary for telephone users, in making their calls, to indicate the exchange with which the person called is connected by the prefixes 'main' and 'east.' and if persons, in calling for numbers, before mentioning the number will say 'main' or 'east,' as the case may be, many delays that now occur will be avoided, for unless this is done, the operator at the switchboard must either enquire whether it is 'main' or 'east' that is wanted, or herself ascertain the exchange in which the number called for is located by referring to the will be avoided, for, unless this is done, the operator at the switchboard must either enquire whether it is 'main' or 'east' that is wanted, or herself ascertain the exchange in which the number called for is located by referring to the chief operator, which necessarily produces delay, and which delay may be avoided by simply telling her when making the call that it is 'main' or 'east' ing the call that it is 'main' or 'east' that is desired. J. M. WILSON,

does he mention the fact that the expense | in Georgetown, to be known as the 'West' | was worked up by Dr. Robert M. Price,

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furnishing persons of moderate needs with an inexpensive service by means of the best equipment. The rates of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in his address before the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia at the last session of Congress. Deducting the interest on bonds and dividends, \$65,600 would remain to maintain and operate the Washington Company's plant.

A Large Pay Roll.

"To illustrate the inadequacy of such an amount to run a plant of 3,000 telephones, the per quarter mile. \$19.00 \$5.90 Three or more parties, per quarter mile. \$19.00 \$5.90 Three or mor

Strict Command to Practice No. Cruelties in China.

Rigid Discipline, Respect for Peaceful Citizens, Compassion for the Vanquished, and Regard for Their Property the Salient Points Which, It Is Asserted, Were Observed.

Copies of important decrees issued by the These apparently show that the St. Petersburg Government contemplates no departure from the policy of evacuating Manchuria as soon as circumstances permit such action. The decrees, which are in the nature of

instructions to military and naval commanders, also seem to show that the Czar has taken every precaution to prevent his troops from looting or dealing/ barshly with the inhabitants of the Chinese ter ritory occupied. They are directly in con-East representing the Russian soldier as feroclous savage, killing the defenceless reach. One of the telegrams sent to General Grodckoff, commanding the Russian troops in Manchuria, by the Minister of

"His Imperial Majesty orders me to

Majesty's desire is not only that there should be no annexation of Chinese territory to Russia, but, as has been pub-lished in the official communication of Sep-tember 1, that our troops should later be recalled from Manchuria if there be no At present Russia's principal object is the continuation and completion of the rail-ways we are building. Your efforts must be directed to help the taking up of the administration must not be introduced in the territory occupied by our troops. You will reassure the people, remove their fears, and bring them back to their ordi nary occupations in time of peace. volve the connections of thousands of wires and the bringing into use of new appliances with which the accordance are not the inhabitants after the last shot of the battle. The life, honor, property, and customs of the natives must be sacred to the

troops in Manchuria. Before it was for-warded to General Grodckoff the Czar

der the protection of our armed forces. But that is not enough; it is absolutely necessary that the peaceful inhabitants of Manchuria should not join the rebels and create the painful necessity of making war upon the whole Chinese nation sident Chesapeake and Potomac Tele-hone Company. ashington, D. C., Jan. 4, 1901."

Therefore his Imperial Majesty directs me to instruct you to take stringent measures for the war, to be conducted

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of farms may be resorted to only in ex- year. Rev. G. R. Wemeldorf of the Bra-

Any kind of potting by solution of cos-sacks must be bunished with the utmost severity, including the court-martial of offenders. All subsistence provided by the inbabitants shall be paid for in cash. Ter-rible in battle, our soldiers must be in Manchuria—as they have always been ev-Manchurla—as they have always been everyhere and at all times—kind and bumane not only to the peaceful citizen, but also to the conquered fee. The very next day after the battle you must exert yourseif to be on a friendly footing with the inhabitants. So have we always done with great success in the Caucasus and in Central Asia.

"In giving you these instructions his

"In giving you these instructions his Imperial Majesty is confident that the brave troops under your command will not did their glory by any kind of crueity to peaceful unarmed citizens. The Emperor expects that every man will do his best to maintain good and friendly relations."

posteffice through the fields. She was accossed by Walter A. Weinstock, who lived near her home. She screamed and fought. Then Weinstock took a razor from his pocket and drew it across her neck, laying best to maintain good and friendly relations."

here are to the effect that the instructions as given have been carefully observed. This seems strange in view of some reports sent from the Far East, but it is given as a fact.

NEWS FROM ALEXANDRIA.

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 5 .- Shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday morning fire destroyed the large barn of S. S. Corbett, near Coof agricultural implements were burned. Canadian Magnates Will Construct The loss, it is said, will reach \$1.400. The said the loss on this is \$1,100. The origin Mackenzie & Mann, the railway magof the fire is unknown.

between Wilkes and Gibbon, after a williness of typhoid fever. The deceased was unmarried and twenty-five years of age. Mr. Dodd was an employe of Moore's foundry. The funeral will take place from his late residence Sunday afternoon

Relief Hook and Ladder Fire Ennew, President; J. H. Himyer, Vice Tresident; G. M. Myers, Second Vice President; J. R. Mansfield, Secretary; L. Ruben, Treasurer; R. I. Latham, Recorder; R. M. Latham, Foreman; William T. Rogers, First Assistant Foreman; A. W.

BRUTAL ASSAULT ON A GIRL. by a Young Man.

MARIETTA, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Miss Nellie

instock was caught by a crowd of

come and get him. There is much talk

A NEW RAILWAY SYSTEM.

an Important Line.

nates, propose in addition to their present Mrs. Catherine Green, aged eighty- lines to construct a new system from

Catarrh Is Found Everywhere.

Catarrh is at home anywhere and every-where. While more common in cold, changeable climates, it is by no means confined to them, but is prevalent in every State and Territory in the Union.

stinate and dangerous.
Catarrh of the throat and bronchial tubes as well as catarrh of the stomach

with Mr. Lauck on the night of the fire, having been employed by Lauck to watch the distillery. He substantiated the distillery. He substantiated the distillery. He substantiated the designment of the distillery. He substantiated the distillery. He substantiated the designment of designment of the distillery. He substantiated the designment of designment of the distillery. He substantiated the designment of designment of the distillery. He substantiated the designment of designment of the distillery. He substantiated the distillery. He substantiated the distillery. He substantiated the distillery of the distillery of the distillery. He substantiated the distillery of the distillery of the distillery. He substantiated the designment of the distillery. He substantiated the designment of the distillery. He substantiated the distillery of the distillery of the distillery. He substantiated the designment of the distillery. He substantiated the distillery of the distillery of the distillery. He substantiated the distillery of the distillery of the distillery. He substantiated the distillery of the distillery of the distillery. He substantiated the distillery of the distillery of the distillery. He substantiated the distillery of the distillery of the distillery. He substantiated the distillery of the distillery of the distillery. He substantiated the distillery of the distillery of

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zilian Mission, will be present and deliver an address.

The regular monthly meeting of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church South was held last night, and the officers elected at the December meeting were formally installed and other routine business was transacted.

Its Efficacy to Be Tested on Two Old Paupers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—At the almshouse on Blackwell's Island tests were begun yesterday of the glycero-phosphate of sodium, which is said to have given ex-Mayor Hewitt a new hold on life. Two men, one in the first stage of second childhood, and the other very old, but still with some vigor, have been selected for the experiment. Into the veins of Morris, eighteen years old, was assault- both the new French tonic will be ined last evening at Hackney, Morgan jected, and doctors and scientists will count. She was on her way from the carefully note every change in tissue, posteffice through the fields. She was ac- blood, nd nerve and after a fair test de-

razor with her hands and her fingers were cut off. Attending physicians say rents. He was born in Germany and has her death is only a matter of a few hours. been sixty years in the United States. The thorough examination just made shows that he is poorly nourished, gives evidences of emaciation and cannot walk sleep one hour in the twenty-four. complains of cold and says he can never get enough blankers to keep him warm. His mind is clear, although he is sometimes slow in understanding questions. He has no delirium and no hallucina-tions. He is six feet in height and for-merly weighed 200 pounds. His weight

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—It is stated here that York State. He smoked, chewed, and drank to excess, getting drunk once a week for years. He also suffered from the construct a new system from

average of 36 per cent. The deaths from riod being 10,243. The average per thou-

THE ROTHSCHILDS IN MEXICO.

Making Some Heavy Investments in Mining and Timber Lands.

ben, Treasurer, a. M. Latham, Foreman; William T. Rogers, First Assistant Foreman; A. W. Melchior. Second Assistant Foreman.

Mount Vernon Council. Baughters of America, last night at their comerly elected officers. After the installation the members were tendered a banque; at the Concordia Hotel, and an enlyyable evening was spent by all present.

The annual meeting of the Alexandria Council. Royal Arcanum, will be held in Odd Fellows Hall, in North Columbus Street, on Tuesday night next. After the election of officers a banquet will be election of officers a banquet will be election of officers a banquet will be following: Past Grand Regent Bloom-ficets by the property of the highest value and being and the property of the highest value and being an internal reatment sprays, washes, and powders are useless as far as reaching the real sear of the disease is concerned.

Dr. Melverney advises cutarrh sufferers to use a new preparation, sold by druggists, called Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, begists, called Stuart's Catarrh Tabl NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5.-S. H. Cope-